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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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The amendment document filed on 10 June 2005 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

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| THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO B 1. Amendments to the specification: | E NON-COMPL | IANT: |
| A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. | • | : |
| ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. | • | |
| □ C. Other | | |
| ☐ 2. Abstract: | | ; |
| A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. | • | : |
| B. Other | • | ; |
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| 3. Amendments to the drawings: | | : |
| A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacem | ent Sheet," "New | v Sheet," or |
| "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). | ÷ | : |
| ■ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated as a submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. | | |
| showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFF | ₹ 1.84 are require | ed. |
| C. Other | | |
| 4. Amendments to the claims: | | |
| A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. | : | : |
| B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (inclu | iding withdrawn | claims) |
| C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and a | | |
| of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must | | |
| number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Curre | | |
| (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdra | | |
| D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascend | | |
| ⊠ E. Other: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> . | • ; | |
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- 1. Applicant is given no new time period if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
- 2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

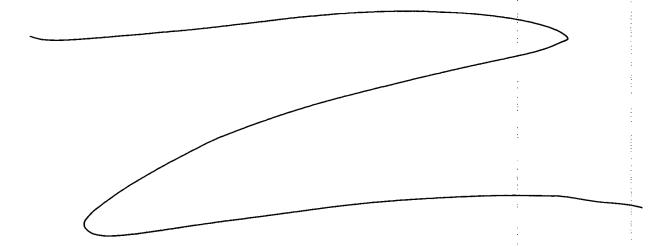
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Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

Continuation of 4(e) Other: Deletions of five or fewer characters using strikethrough are not readily readable (i.e., deletions of "and" in line 14 of claim 1, of various punctuation signs such as of the period (.) in line 16 of claim 1, and of various claim numbers such as those in in line 2 of each of claims 8 and 9). "Double brackets (i.e., "[[]]") should be used instead of strikethrough to show these proposed deletions.



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1. The reply filed on June 10, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has added claims 25 through 29 without indicating which of these claims if any are readable upon the previously elected invention, as required. See the election/restriction requirement mailed on July 30, 2001. Also see 37 CFR 1.111. Since the abovementioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- 2. Also please refer to the attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, PTOL-324, for additional information.
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene, can be reached at 571-272-4930.

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